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EUROPEAN COMMAND

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE

SUBJECT: Dr. HERDEGEN, fms

RE : Project HAPPINESS/2

1. Reason for Investigation.

Reference is made to paragraph 20, Orientation and Guidance Report No. 6, dated 31 December 1947.

2. Results of Investigation.

a. After the escape from the Russian zone of the former mayor of JENA (M51/J66), Dr. MERTENS, the Russian authorities suggested that the job be given to Dr. HERDEGEN. This proposition was apparently accepted as Dr. HERDEGEN is the present mayor of JENA.

b. Dr. HERDEGEN has just been released from PW status in Russian and upon taking up residence in JENA registered with the LDP and has been accepted by that party as a member. Despite this fact the SED licensed press has made no attacks upon Dr. HERDEGEN, but, on the contrary, has described him as "well qualified and capable".

c. A usually well informed source in JENA states that SUBJECT was taken prisoner while an officer in the German army near STALINGRAD, was subsequently schooled in Russia and was a member of the organization "Freies Deutschland" in Russia.

3. Agent's Comments and Recommendations.

a. It is believed that the above mentioned procedure has become common practice in the Russian Zone, especially in the police and Administrative serviced in Thuringia and Saxony. Evaluation B-3. SOURCE: C-711-L-W.

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HERDEGEN, Johannes Dr.

12 Jan 53

Professor of economic sciences, JENA

Participant in the International Conference for the Peaceful solution of the German Problem from 8 to 10 Nov 52 in East Berlin Secret BrV Int. Report of 30 Nov 52 D-137896 es

HERDEGEN, Johannes Dr.

6 Mar 52

Born: 25 June 1903

Res: JENA, Friedrich Engelsstr. 20

Occ: Dr. political law, Lord Mayor

Function: Committee Member for State and community questions, Chairman of the Committee for state and community affairs, LV s.2P

Others: GDSF, FDGB, DPC, PDJ

Member of the LDP since 23 Mar 47

LV and Political Member of the LDP Thuringia B-2

HERDEGEN, Johannes Dr.

15 Apr 52

LDP (East) Zentralvorstand member and mayor of JENA B-1

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